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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Claims are shown on page 2 of this paper.

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